

## Poll Racket In Land of Filibuster

By ROBERT MINOR

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 1.—In the Jefferson County courthouse last Wednesday forenoon, there were two lines of people waiting on the two sides of the door of the office for registration of voters. And here is the racket:

In one line, for whites only, were 86 people, of whom 15 were women. In the other line, "for colored," were 47 people, of whom five were women. In both lines the proportion of young war veterans appeared to be well above 25 percent. A large number wore discharge buttons, some were in full uniform with overseas insignia.

The people in the line on the left of the door, "for white," were being admitted rapidly, the Negroes very slowly.

Holding my watch, I saw that five white persons were being admitted in seven minutes, while Negroes were being admitted at the rate of one in about eight minutes.

At 10:47 two Negroes were admitted, and 4½ minutes later another Negro, while four white persons were admitted from the other side of the door. In the next 8½ minutes, seven white persons and no Negroes.

A young man in a checkered coat reached the head of the line on the Negro side of the door at 11 o'clock. He stood at the head of the line 27 minutes while 18 white persons were admitted ahead of him from the other line. The face of this very intelligent-looking young man was a study. He stood in military rigidity as he watched the first 12 or 14 white persons passing in to be registered. At first glance you would have thought his face was without expression; but study it and you could see he was boiling inside.

People at the tail end of the line of Negroes, seeing the white line moving up rapidly for nearly half an hour while their line moved not at all, came up front to ask why. They clustered around the door. The uniformed policeman told them they would have to go back to the end of the line. They moved about six inches. A man in shirtsleeves wearing a badge and pistol came out, looked around and went back into the registrars' office.

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### Reply to Bevin

Some of the 150 Greek-American picketers who paraded before the British Consulate, 25 Broadway, at noon yesterday. Their signs demanded "Great Britain—Hands Off Greece"; "End Fascist Terror in Greece"; "Protest Dismissal of Foreign Minister Sophianopoulos"; "Recognize EAM Resistance Movement"; "Free EAM Anti-Fascists From Jail."—Daily Worker Photo.

## Don't Talk Democracy, Rankin Aide Warns Vets

Nazi-like fear of democracy was confessed yesterday by Ernie Adamson, counsel of the Rankin Un-American Committee investigating "subversive activity."

In an astounding document, Adamson sent a threatening letter to a veterans' committee because they used the word "democracy" in their activities.

This letter, which must be read to be believed, follows in full:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
WASHINGTON

January 29, 1946

Veterans Against Discrimination  
Hotel Diplomat  
108 West 43 Street  
New York, New York.  
Gentlemen:

Would you please be good enough to send me a

list of your officers and your managing committee?

Several of your circulars have been sent to us by citizens of your city and I note that you refer to democracy several times. I wonder if you are sufficiently familiar with the History of the United States to be aware that this country was not organized as a democracy, and that Section 4 of Article 4 of the Constitution reads in part as follows: "The United States shall guarantee to every state in this union a republican form of government."

Is it your purpose to ask for an amendment of the Constitution or do you propose to conduct a propaganda campaign against the administration of the provisions of the Constitution?

Yours very truly,

Ernie Adamson,  
Chief Counsel.

Auto Firms  
Press for  
Penalty Clause

Brass Hats  
Punish GI  
Protesters

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# Soviets Demand British Quit Greece, Bevin's Defense: Red-Baiting

Andrei Vishinsky, chief Soviet delegate to the UNO, yesterday demanded the Security Council bring about the speedy and unconditional withdrawal of British troops from Greece, while Britain's Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, countered desperately by charging that "Moscow" and the Communist parties of other lands are "the greatest danger to the world."

In a cold dispassionate denunciation of Britain's policy in Greece, Vishinsky said that the presence of British troops in that country is "entirely unjustified."

He said Greece was threatening the new-found peace of Europe and that the British were helping Greek monarchist factions create a "reign of terror."

## LINKS BRITISH TO TERROR

Vishinsky said the Soviet Union told other Big Powers at last summer's Potsdam conference that the Greek government was threatening the peace and seemed to be threatening war against Albania and Bulgaria. He said British troops support the present government, and a reign of terror has existed against "democratic" elements in Greece.

Bevin admitted Vishinsky's contention that the Soviet Union had raised the question of Greece at the Potsdam conference, at the September Big Five Foreign Ministers' meeting in London, and at the recent Moscow Big Three Foreign Ministers' meeting.

Vishinsky said the Soviet memorandum to the Security Council thus "should not be considered a surprise, but as the culmination of a series of Soviet declarations."

Vishinsky in presenting the Soviet Union's case, said the Greek government "is making a mistake in not measuring the consequences of the presence of foreign troops."

## READS AFFIDAVITS

He read telegrams received from Athens in the last few days describing a "white terror" and telling of fascist band wounding dozens of persons with machine-gun fire from cars. He read from a Birmingham, Eng., publication, Religion and the People, which published a letter from a Greek Archbishop charging that 20,000 persons were in Greek concentration camps and thousands of others are in camps in Africa. He read a re-Committee of the EAM, the Greek Committee of the EAM. The Greek Leftist National Liberation Front, charging that "foreign" elements were helping Greek monarchists create a reign of terror.

The "situation could not be worse in Greece than it is today," he asserted.

Bevin rose immediately to challenge the Soviet delegate's remarks and said that he believed the situation as interpreted by Vishinsky called for more than fewer British troops in Greece. He rejected in advance any possibility of a United Nations Security Council compromise decision on the Greek situation.

He charged that "propaganda from Moscow" and international Communists were a "danger to the peace of the world" and demanded

## Levant to Challenge Paris, London at UNO

LONDON, Feb. 1.—Camille Chamoun, Lebanese Minister here, announced today that Lebanon will appeal for United Nations help unless British and French troops move within the next two days to get out of the Levant.

that the Council say flatly whether it thought Britain was endangering world peace by keeping troops in Greece.

"The danger of the peace of the world has been incessant propaganda from Moscow against the British Commonwealth and the incessant utilization of Communist parties in every country in the world as a means to attack the British people and British government, as if no friendship between us existed," he said.

Bevin claimed Generalissimo Joseph Stalin declared at the Yalta Big Three conference that he had complete confidence in the British policy in Greece.

He said British troops were sent to Greece at the invitation of the Greek government. He denied that the British were intervening in Greek internal affairs. The continued presence of the troops is "indispensable for the consolidation of law and order," he maintained.

He challenged the Soviet Union's right to appeal to the Security Council on the Greek situation because of its refusal to participate with Britain, the United States and France in observing forthcoming Greek elections.

## Urge Gov't Pay Raise

The Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians has called on Congress to pass legislation providing a 30 percent wage increase and unemployment insurance for federal per annum employees.

## Lie Named 46-3 as UNO Chief

LONDON, Feb. 1 (UP).—Trygve Lie of Norway tonight was elected first Secretary-General of the United Nations Organization by a vote of 46 to 3.



**Baby Pickets Too:** Along with mother and daddy, 14-month-old Jean de Avila joins the picket line before the struck Carnegie-Illinois Steel plant in Chicago. Baby's formula is a higher wage for more food. Her mother, Lucy, 28, is shown pushing Jean's carriage 'round and 'round the plant.

# Truman Calls OPA, Steel Fact-Finders

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The steel trust's drive to force increases in steel prices from the government headed for a showdown today as President Truman summoned his steel industry fact-finding board and Price Administrator Chester Bowles for conferences.

Irving S. Olds, chairman of the board of U. S. Steel Corp., has announced that the company demands a raise "greatly in excess of \$6.25 a ton" in steel prices before it will grant 750,000 striking steel workers the 18 1/2 cent an hour wage increase recommended by President Truman.

Bowles is said to have recommended a rise of not more than \$2.50 a ton. Other administration leaders, including Reconversion Director John W. Snyder, are said to favor a rise of more than \$4 a ton and Olds informed company stockholders that the government had already promised more than \$4.

The pressure for price increases is a corporation device to nullify wage increases. Relaxation of controls on steel would immediately be reflected in other industries, leading to an inflationary spiral.

The President will see Bowles tomorrow. He is due back from South Carolina, where he was recuperating from a back ailment.

## FACT-FINDING SCOPE

One subject reported up for discussion by the President with the

fact-finding panel today was whether to enlarge its jurisdiction in the U. S. Steel Corp. case to include additional representative companies. Other companies say they regard the panel as restricted to U. S. Steel. They claim they are less able to meet the President's proposed wage increase.

Snyder today prepared a formal reply to Henry Ford II, who urged that the Government cease all price controls immediately. Mr. Truman rejected the Ford proposal Thursday.

Meanwhile Mr. Truman's request that Congress extend price controls for another year after June 30 appeared headed for opposition. The question comes up officially next week, when the House Banking Committee begins hearings on an extension measure.

## Ford Shuts Plant In Edgewater

EDGEWATER, N. J., Feb. 1 (UP).—The Edgewater assembly plant of the Ford Motor Co. today suspended operations because of a shortage of parts caused by the steel strike. More than 2,800 workers were affected.

## China CP to Begin Army Reorganization

CHUNGKING, Feb. 1 (UP).—Gen. Chou En-lai, chief Communist representative on the Political Consultative Council, said today that nationalization of Communist Armies will begin within two months.

Some time this month or March, Chou said, the Communist executive committee at Yen-an will ask organizations within the Army to cease activities.

Communist Armies then will be reorganized and, after a joint education program for Communist and Kuomintang troops, finally will be fused into one National Army.

Handsome, stocky Chou, wearing a dark blue tunic, told a Sino-American press conference that fusion of the armies is "idealistic" and presented many problems.

He indicated that the Communists would retain 20 divisions until other provisions are carried out under the new coalition government for China.

Chou said that if the reorganization program goes according to schedule, three fourths of the Communist armies—some 800,000 men—would be demobilized within three months.

Chou revealed that two Soviet planes carrying two doctors and medical supplies for the Communist Eighth Route Army recently landed at Yen-an.

Asked whether Mao Tse-tung, head of the Chinese Communists, planned to visit the Soviet Union, Chou said he wasn't sure, but that it was "rumored" he would.

The Communists made several concessions before the PCC, which Yen-an accepted because the executive committee realized its program could not be fulfilled overnight, he said.

## Feb. Russian Aid Drive Launched Here

A month-long tribute to the Red Army, celebrating its 28th anniversary, has been launched by 60 community groups of the Greater New York Committee for Russian Relief, Newbold Morris, chairman, announced yesterday.

The 400 local affairs, meetings, rallies and parties throughout the metropolitan area during the month, represents "a small measure of New York City's appreciation of the Soviet contribution to world freedom," Morris said.

Funds contributed during February will be forwarded to Russian Relief's General Relief Fund which aids orphans and families of Red Army soldiers and helps provide equipment for the treatment of soldier amputation cases.

# Hurry! Hurry! Rush Your Subs!

## THIS IS THE LAST WEEK

# Complete The Worker Circulation Drive Feb. 2!

## The goal is 30,000 new subs. To date we have 22,536.



## Pauley OK Lags, Lobby Role Shown

By ROB F. HALL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. — The chances of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee confirming President Truman's appointment of Edwin W. Pauley, big oil operator, as Assistant Secretary of the Navy appeared dim late today. A galaxy of high government officials had testified to alleged improper pressure by Pauley on behalf of oil interests.

Highlights of the hearing were:

1—Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes said that Pauley, then treasurer of the Democratic Party national committee, had told him that filing suit to gain federal title to submerged coastal oil lands of California would be bad policy and that several hundred thousand dollars could be raised in campaign contributions if the suit was not pressed.

2—Norman M. Littell, former assistant Attorney General, charged that Pauley had invited him to his suite at the Belmont Hotel in New York, and urged him to use his influence to drop government action to gain federal title to tidelands oil, arguing that funds for the campaign came from oil men. Then, Pauley produced Harry March, vice president of the Signal Oil and Gas Co., who had been waiting in his bedroom.

3—Sen. Owen Brewster (R-Me) revealed that a federal judge of California, later identified as Pierson Hall, had approached him and urged confirmation of Pauley.

Littell testified to conferences between Pauley and Francis Biddle during Biddle's tenure as Solicitor General and Attorney General. He had warned Biddle, he said, that Pauley was basing his plea for aid to the oil men on the campaign contributions. According to Littell, Biddle replied, "Well, the money has to come from some place, doesn't it?"

Littell said that for five years Biddle did nothing about the tidelands oil and filed suit only during the weeks he held office.

Pauley, who had denied he had ever discussed the tidelands oil deals with Ickes, Biddle or Franklin D. Roosevelt, was sitting in the room nervously mopping his forehead while this testimony was given.

# ACA Lawyers Rip Company Testimony at Injunction Trial

## Legion Condemns VA, But Has Wrong Answer

"The Veterans' Administration, which has been snafued by failure of the Administration and Congress to provide adequate support, was blasted yesterday by the American Legion.

Legion top officials called for the removal of Gen. Omar Bradley, VA head, and his replacement by a "businessman."

The removal proposal was criticized by other veterans' organizations and by the CIO Veterans Committee. National Legion Commander Stelle said yesterday that he will not insist on Gen. Bradley's removal "if Bradley can show he needs congressional or other outside aid to cut red tape."

Bradley told a press conference yesterday he suspected the demand for his ouster represented Stelle's views, not the Legion's.

The Legion, through Stelle, charged "that the great promise of our government to the returning veteran... is not being fulfilled."

Stelle stated that half a million applications for disability payments are still unprocessed, more than 7,000 applications for hospitalization are unattended to, a backlog of 102,830 unprocessed applications for GI education exists; 20,411 pending claims for waiver of insurance premiums; 18,947 undisposed death claims; and 287,000 unanswered letters.

Stelle criticized VA director Bradley for a recent suggestion that hospitalization of non-service connected veterans cases be temporarily suspended to lighten the hospital load.

Every veteran waiting for an allotment check under the GI Bill of Rights knows that the Veterans Administration needs improvement.

Commander Stelle placed the entire responsibility on Gen. Bradley. "What we need," he said, "is a sea-

soned business man, not a soldier." This proposal was viewed as an attempt to make a political football of the VA.

### BUSINESSMEN'S RECORD

Whether a business man or a brass hat shall be in charge of VA, is not the issue. Policy is at stake.

What has been demanded by veterans' groups is slashing red tape and streamlining the Veterans Administration; hiring sufficient personnel, providing sufficient facilities, appropriating sufficient funds.

Replying to the Legion the CIO Veterans Committee commended Gen. Bradley for "liberalizing the Veterans Administration."



NEW PRESIDENT of Brazil, Maj. Gen. Eurico Gaspar Dutra is shown reading his oath of office as Brazil's new president in the Congress Hall of Tiradentes Palace in Rio de Janeiro.

As an injunction hearing entered its second day yesterday before County Supreme Court Justice Aaron J. Levy, attorneys for striking Western Union workers here scored repeatedly in their battle to prevent the injunction from going through. Throughout all of yesterday's testimony, made up of a parade of company witnesses, the company was not able to score a single point of any importance.

Young bobby soxers and grey haired scabs took the witness stand and solemnly declared they had been called "vile names." Sue B. Straub, of 1 Bank St., appeared as a company witness and said she had been repeatedly called "scab and rat... the usual things." Another company witness, Margaret McNulty, of 670 Riverside Drive, a timid blond girl, told the court that they, the pickets, "as much as call you a prostitute."

Victor Rabinowitz, attorney for the CIO American Communications Association brought a grin from the judge and a rumble of laughter from the spectators when he jumped to his feet and remarked:

"After all, some people might consider scabbing a dishonest way of making a living."

Sum total of all the company witnesses' testimony amounted to claims that they had been called bad names, had been intimidated, and in several instances spit at or kicked. However, under cross-examination by attorney Rabinowitz, they admitted they could name no names or give proof of any of their assertions. Theresa Curtin told the company attorney, Francis J. Stark she was kicked as she walked behind a police barrier to enter Western Union's main building at 60 Hudson St. She admitted later, under Rabinowitz's quizzing that she "didn't recognize anybody" when the alleged kicking took place.

Repeatedly through yesterday's hearing, Judge Levy overruled company lawyers when they interrupted the cross-examination by Rabinowitz and a second ACA attorney, Samuel Neuberger.

The judge urged union attorneys to hold in abeyance a motion to dismiss the case. Mr. Rabinowitz made the motion as the second day

of the injunction hearing got under way at 11 a. m. yesterday morning.

The hearing resumes Monday at 10 a. m. in the Criminal Courts building at 100 Center St. before Judge Levy.

## IWO Members To Picket Today

All lodges of the International Workers Order in Greater New York were alerted yesterday by the IWO New York District office for a mass picketing mobilization in support of Western Union strikers today (Saturday) between 12 noon and 2 p. m. at 60 Hudson St.

The call also asked IWO members to bring food and money to the picket line for strike relief.

Leaders of the IWO, with representation from its national group societies, will head the picketers. Many of these are recently returned veterans.

The Greater New York Council of the American Veterans Committee voted last night to participate in the picket line at Western Union headquarters.

The council called upon its members and other veterans to join the picket line at 60 Hudson St. on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 12:30 p. m.

Forty chapters are affiliated to the Greater New York Council of AVC.

## Charged With Slaying Girl 15 Years Ago

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 1 (UP).—District Attorney Thomas Whelan today issued a warrant charging 65-year-old Jack Hayes with the unsolved, 15-year-old murder of Virginia Brooks, 10.

# CP Urges Unity Against Case Bill

Following is the statement issued yesterday by the National Secretariat of the Communist Party on the Case bill:

WITHIN the next 72 hours, Congress will act on the passage of the Case bill, the most far-reaching anti-labor bill Congress has seen in this generation.

If enacted into law, an effort will be made to use it immediately to crush the present steel, auto, and electrical strikes in a wave of injunctions and anti-union persecution.

The effort to stampede the Case bill is a definite part of the current three-pronged drive of NAM-duPont reaction.

To slash wages, cripple the trade unions and fleece the people through profiteering prices.

The Case bill was created in secrecy outside the House Labor Committee.

By a prior and secret understanding between the polltax Democrats and the Republicans it has now been rushed to the floor for action, by-passing all committees, with precedent-shattering speed.

By Monday or Tuesday, it may be passed in the House, to go to the Senate for further action.

### SINISTER AIM

To read the bill is to grasp its sinister aim.

The Case bill provides, in part, that:

The U. S. Attorney General may seek for court injunctions in any and all labor disputes to force a "continuance of the status quo for 30 days."

Every trade union will be liable to civil suits in the courts for damage arising out of "breach of contract, threats, intimidation, boycotts and certain types of secondary or sympathy strikes."

Thus, the trade unions will be wide open to injunctions, on the one hand, and to the tender mercies of judicial interpretations as to what constitutes "threats" or "violations of contract."

Injunctions will be used as an attempt to destroy the right to strike. Courts and employers together will loot union treasuries, terrorize its membership with threats of fines, and generally make effective organization of American labor far more difficult. Such is the Case bill.

In short, the power-drunk Bourbon-Republican Party coalition is once again revealing its character as the agent of the monopolies.

The 152 GOP Congressmen and the 108 polltax Democrats, therefore, tell the trusts that they need not settle; that they will be aided in their union-busting drive; that

they will get congressional support in their sitdown strike against reconversion and full production, and that Congress will continue to use Treasury millions to finance their lockout.

### WHAT MUST BE DONE

HOW did this happen? What must be done?

It happened because there has been inadequate unity in the labor movement itself. The AFL leadership, which derided the CIO struggles as "unnecessary," did not discourage the congressional mob action.

At the same time, President Truman's effort to establish a cool-off period as the way to avoid strikes only paved the way for the more violent action of the most extreme enemies of labor.

Congressional strategy now shapes up as a "lesser evil" maneuver.

Labor is being urged by "friends" to accept watered-down anti-union bills as a substitute for the extreme Case bill, which, in turn, is being offered as a substitute for the Truman cool-off bill.

But it is every anti-labor bill, however disguised or diluted, which must be defeated. The "mild" bills open the door for the entire offensive of trusts

against the labor unions.

President Truman, if he means to back up his compromise wage proposals and wants to back up the findings of his fact-finders, must withdraw his cool-off scheme.

He must summon the forces of the administration to help block the Case and similar bills. He should demand the repeal of the congressional tax rebates, which make lockouts and strikebreaking highly profitable for the steel, auto and electrical corporations.

### LABOR UNITY

The intolerable disunity within the labor movement in the face of the trusts' attack must be repaired by an overwhelming demand of the trade unionists themselves, especially in the AFL.

The menace of the Case bill has drawn quick protest from the AFL leadership. But united action with the CIO alone can repair the damage done by the AFL encouragement of congressional reaction through anti-CIO propaganda during the strikes.

The need of the hour in the labor movement is united action by AFL, CIO and the Brotherhoods, national state and local bodies against the Case bill.

To defend their organizations, members of the unions everywhere should propose such joint

activity to win the present strikes and wage demands of labor, including joint political action to halt the reactionary offensive of the trusts and Congress.

Throughout the land there must rise a swift counter-movement, rallying public opinion in the communities to put a halt to this Bourbon-Hoover coalition which does the will of the most reactionary industrialists.

This is the moment for compelling Congress to reverse its course. There is little time to see to it that the frantic speed with which it welcomes union-smashing legislation shall be applied instead to the passage of the people's bills.

The anti-bias FEPC, the repeal of the tax rebates to the corporations, the financing of adequate housing and other vital measures necessary for social and economic progress and the maintenance of peace.

This is a moment for united action, of all labor, and of all the people.

### SECRETARIAT OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.  
EUGENE DENNIS,  
ROBERT THOMPSON,  
JOHN WILLIAMSON.



# Use of Injunctions to Break Strikes Is Mushrooming

Strikebreakers in judicial robes have entered today's wage struggles as a major factor.

Picket lines are solid. Production is tied up. Scabs are virtually non-existent. So strikebound monopolies, just as in years gone by when the labor movement was much smaller, look to friendly courts for help. Result: a raft of injunctions all over the country, limiting picketing, opening the gates to "supervisory" employees, forcing a way through the lines for such scabs as can be scared up.

In New York, Western Union appeals to the court for an injunction. A judge that the strikers declare to be biased refuses to disqualify himself. The General Electric Co. wins temporary injunctions restraining mass picketing at 16 plants in the Cleveland area. Other GE applications are being realized in Schenectady and elsewhere. The Phelps-Dodge Copper Co. applies in Elizabeth, N. J., and a Chancellor dishes out an injunction. General Motors rakes in scores of them all over the country.

That is judicial strike-breaking. It attacks the right to mass picketing, fundamental to democracy, a right that the labor movement will fight to maintain.

Use of the injunction is at one time the newest thing in fighting labor and the oldest.

In fights between the working people and their employers under capitalism, the courts have always figured on the company side. But the period of wholesale injunctions, enjoinments, bans and prohibitions against labor belong to a different and an earlier era—when the unions

## Rep. Voorhis Also Wants 'Cool-Off'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (UP).—Rep. Jerry Voorhis, (D-Calif) today introduced a new labor bill intended as a substitute for the sweeping strike-control measure offered by Rep. Francis Case, (R-SD), which Voorhis denounced as a "shot-gun approach" to the labor crisis.

His bill is a new version of the fact-finding legislation proposed by President Truman. It provides, for a 30-day pre-strike cooling-off period, as do the Case and Truman bills.

were smaller and less capable of self-defense.

Under the pressure of labor's growth and development, limits have been placed on court intervention. The Norris-LaGuardia Act, outlawing certain types of intervention, was adopted. But even this is now under attack in the anti-labor Case bill, now before Congress, which would open the way to still more sweeping injunctions.

Injunction scabbery, court-blessed and company-initiated, is the strike-breaking style of today. Organized labor which mobilized for and carried through the most effective wage fight in American history must now defend its right to picket against this weapon.

## Jefferson School Vets Discussion Monday

A Negro veteran will take part in a discussion of veterans problems and aspirations, the program featured by the Jefferson School of Social Science, Monday, Feb. 4 at the Hotel Pennsylvania. Entitled "The Citizen-Veteran and a Democratic World" the program will report the experiences of veterans. Members of the faculty of the Jefferson School will speak.

By special arrangement Professor J. B. S. Haldane, eminent British scientist, will be heard from London, England.

In a statement issued yesterday, Allan Morrison, former Negro staff correspondent for "Stars and Stripes," said that "the Jefferson School of Social Science deserves the support of Negroes at this time, particularly the Negro veterans of World War II. Its stated purpose is based on the idea that such a school must 'help people meet the changing situations of a changing world.' Thousands of Negro veterans have returned to America, deeply changed by the war's events and are looking for some means to re-establish themselves in the nation's economy."

## Acheson Supports Loan to Britain

BALTIMORE, Feb. 1 (UP).—Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson said tonight that the alternative to the proposed \$3,750,000,000 loan to Great Britain was worldwide economic struggle and the inevitable failure of the United Nations Organization.

## PHILA. CITY COUNCIL ASKS CONGRESS PASS FEPC BILL

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1. — The Philadelphia City Council has passed a resolution to memorialize Congress to enact a fair employment practice status.

The resolution points out that "discrimination in employment because of race, color, creed, or national origin, is opposed to our American traditions and the basic principles upon which our country was founded."

"In all the wars in which the United States has been engaged," it continues, "Americans of all races, colors, and creeds have fought, bled and died to protect and preserve this country and to insure equality of opportunity for all its people."

## Hold-the-Line Policy

## PRICE OF SUGAR WILL RISE 3c ON 5-POUND BOX SHORTLY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (UP).—The retail ceiling price of sugar will rise shortly to three cents on a five-pound box or six-tenths of a cent a pound, Stabilization Administrator John C. Collet announced today.

Exact date of the increase—probably within a few days—will be announced by the OPA. The action raised the prospect of a price-saving "run" on already short supplies.

The United States is negotiating to buy the entire 1946 Cuban crop—estimated at 4,700,000 tons, compared with 3,900,000 in 1945. The price under the interim agreement is \$3.675 per 100 pounds instead of the \$3.10 paid last year.

The shortage situation is described officially as worse than ever

with a virtual "famine" in the northeast states. Further action to solve the problem is expected Monday when the House considers a resolution which would authorize the CCC to buy Hawaiian and Puerto Rican sugar. CCC now has funds, but no authority to buy.

Agriculture Department officials have warned that a drastic increase in the retail price can be expected unless authority to buy from Hawaiian and Puerto Rican growers is forthcoming.

Meanwhile OPA reduced special allotments of sugar to eating establishments serving loggers, miners and other heavy workers.

Loggers, for example, previously receiving between six and eight pounds per month, now will get between 1.35 and 2.7 pounds.

## Testify Pastor Killed Daughter To Hide Crime

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 1 (UP).—Police Chief Richard Van Til said today witnesses had convinced him the Reverend Frank E. Siple killed his 17-year-old daughter "because she knew too much about her mother's death."

Siple told police he poisoned the daughter, Dorothy Ann, six and a half years ago because she was mentally incompetent.

However, Van Til quoted Mrs. Lyle Doan, wife of an elder of the Church of God, where Siple former-



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ly was pastor, as saying she was told by "two reputable pastors" of the church that shortly before her death Dorothy Ann had accused her father "point-blank" of murdering her mother, Mrs. Bessie Siple, in 1929.

Siple pleaded guilty late yesterday to what he insisted was a "mercy killing." Judge Leonard D. Verdier remanded him to jail for sentencing after Siple's attorney asked for a sanity examination.

As police probed deeper into the cause of Dorothy Ann's death, the stern-visaged, 55-year-old prisoner sat in his cell reading passages from his Bible.

## E. Side Rallies Against Firetrap Deaths Today

Aroused residents of Manhattan's lower East Side will rally this afternoon at 2 p.m. at Rutgers Square to protest the fires sweeping the firetraps of the area causing death to many.

The outdoor meeting under the auspices of the local American Labor Party Club will hear Rep. Vito Marcantonio, Councilman Eugene Connolly and Johannes Steel, candidate of the ALP in the 19th congressional by-election.

Several families who were burned out of 277 Madison St. where a recent fire killed three, will also speak.

Meanwhile several AFL and CIO unions yesterday pledged support to the election campaign to send another Laborite to Congress. At a special organizing committee meeting representatives were present from Local 455, Iron Workers, AFL; Local 42, Chain Service Restaurant Employees, AFL; Local 1, Jewelry Workers, AFL; and Local 830, Retail Clerks, CIO.

The 19th Congressional District runs from the Battery to 40th St., with Broadway as the boundary to 14th St., and Third Ave. to 40th St. Contained in the area are six ALP clubs with 4th north at 82 Second Ave., serving as campaign headquarters. Jews, Italians, Greek, Armenian, Irish and Slovak groups make up the area's national composition.

The 19th Congressional District is strongly Democratic, and in the last

election the Democrats polled about 54,000 votes, the Republicans about 25,000 and the ALP some 17,000. It is generally conceded that Steel has a good chance to win if progressive and trade union groups mobilize effectively.

## LEADERSHIP

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# Pacific Chiefs Punish GI Protesters, Violate Gen. Eisenhower's Orders

Special to the Daily Worker

CLEVELAND, Feb. 1.—Army authorities were accused of intimidation and suppression of GI rights on Okinawa, in sworn soldier affidavits presented by Leroy H. Feagler, of the Warehouse and Distribution Workers Union (CIO), to Congressman Michael Feighan of Ohio.

## Trusts Put Case Bill in House, DeLacy Charges

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The Case anti-labor bill is before the House because "America's most powerful bankers and industrialists want it there," Rep. Hugh DeLacy (D-Wash.) charged in a formal speech on the floor today.

Speaking as the House opened debate on the bill that was rushed past normal processes and over the usually difficult hurdles of the Rules Committee without hearing before any committee, DeLacy said the Case measure was "fathered by the National Association of Manufacturers, spawned from the womb of the National Republican Committee and midwived by the politax Democrats on the House Rules Committee."

### SLOW ON PEOPLE'S NEEDS

DeLacy pointed out that although the drastic measure is now current business, "key reconversion bills urged by President Truman to keep the people's purchasing power from collapsing are still pigeonholed in committee."

It is true that Congress has not rushed to pass a full employment bill. It has not rushed to protect farmers, business men and workers against the catastrophic effect of the 20 billion cut in national income expected this year. It has not rushed to meet America's critical housing needs. It is not hurrying to end substandard wages through passing, as a beginning, 65 cents an hour national minimum wage.

"Congress is not moving swiftly to end steadily rising prices, through renewing and strengthening OPA," DeLacy declared.

Instead, he said, with labor forced to strike to restore wage cuts "the Case bill is legislation for Morgan's U. S. Steel. It is legislation for Morgan's General Electric and Westinghouse Corp. It is legislation for duPont and Morgan's General Motors. It is legislation for Rockefeller's Oil monopoly. It is legislation for Morgan, Swift & Co.

"Aimed at labor," the Case bill, DeLacy charged, "is a critical beachhead in the war of America's biggest trusts against the American people. It is part of monopoly's open conspiracy to rob the consumer."

He said that the bill "would restore the dark days when any court could break a strike cheap by injunction. It would make collective bargaining a mockery by turning over to employer-minded judges the power to interpret labor agreements and working rules to assess crippling fines and damages."

"In violation of constitutional guarantee of free speech and press, it seeks to outlaw boycotts, which are often the people's only means of destroying evil. It would pull the teeth of the Labor Relations Act. It would repeal the Norris-LaGuardia Act."

### UE Charges Conspiracy

In New York, Julius Emspak, general secretary-treasurer of the

The GIs charged that "in spite of specific orders issued by Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, Chief of Staff, asserting that leaders of the recent 'demobilization demonstrations' should not be disciplined 'because there were no actions of violence and disorder,' soldiers have been subjected to intimidations, harassment and punishment for peacefully and sensibly attempting to exercise those rights."

The mass meeting to protest the demobilization slowdown took place on Sunday, Jan. 13, with the permission of the commanding general. It was sponsored by the American Veterans Committee.

### GAG GI PAPER

Authorities banned any mention of the demonstration in the GI paper "Okinawan."

At a meeting of the AVC planning committee before the demonstration, Col. Cunningham, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, said "a few more months over here won't hurt anyone."

He deplored the distribution of the "Pacifican" and "Stars and Stripes" "as the worst thing that happened to morale on Okinawa."

Sgt. Michael A. Sartore, of Pittsburgh, was ordered off duty for helping publicize the Jan. 13 meeting. He was told he was "too politically minded" to work there and was ordered to report to the dispensary for "nerves."

That same night (Jan. 8, 1946) MPs raided the Information and Education warehouse and arrested two men who were mimeographing leaflets for the mass meeting.

The sworn statements accuse the Army authorities of threatening "dire penalties should they dare write their Congressmen on any issue."

A small meeting of AVC members at the 25th Replacement Depot was broken up and the Colonel in charge read the men the Articles of War "providing the death penalty for 'sedition and mutiny.'"

Pfc. Donald T. Cox, former editor of the Cleveland Union Leader, told of direct attempts by Lt. Col. Todd H. Slade to intimidate and browbeat him with the same "death penalty" charges. This because he had written an article for the PRO on the GI demands, which had been approved by the public relations officer, and for which the latter had congratulated Cox.

GIs also told of being transferred

ican Tobacco Co.

A spokesman for the union said yesterday that the attempt to rush scabs into the Philadelphia plant is evidently part of a general plan of the company. At nearby Trenton similar attempts have been made during the past week.



REPRESENTATIVE CASE

United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, charged that a conspiracy of big business to destroy unions and lower wages prompted pressure for the Case bill.

He made his charges in letters to majority and minority party leaders in the House.

Emspak, whose union is conducting a strike of 200,000 against General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors for \$2 a day wage increase, asserted that the 258 Congressmen who voted to hurry through the Case bill had "joined the conspiracy of big business against the welfare of the American people."

## Pickets to Hit Jailing Of Tobacco Strike Leader

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1.—Striking American Tobacco Co. workers will form a mass picket line outside Magistrate's Court, 49 N. 52 St., Saturday morning in protest against the arrest of strike leader Emil Dean.

Dean, international representative of the CIO Food, Tobacco, Agricultural and Allied Workers, was arrested in front of the big tobacco plant here Friday morning when the company tried to rush 100 scabs in to break the strike. The scabs did not get through the picket line. Police arrested Dean when one of the scabs claimed he "slapped" her.

The tobacco workers have been on strike since Oct. 15 for a 25 cents an hour wage increase, a 65 cents an hour wage minimum, and a guarantee of no-discrimination in their contract.

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## Bakers Strike 11 Plants Here

Eight hundred AFL bakery workers struck 11 plants in Manhattan yesterday for an average 20 percent wage increase.

The strikers, members of Local 1, Bakery and Confectionery Workers International Union, are also demanding standardization of workers in the industry.

Local 1 services a group of bakeries catering to hotels and restaurants in Manhattan.

A statement issued yesterday by the local's treasurer, Frank Ibanes, declared that members of Local 1 had for years "been working under a wage scale lower than that existing in most of the industry."

Two days ago, he said, another group of bakery owners, the Specialty Bakery Owners, signed a contract with Locals 17, 51 and 579 of the same International, granting a wage increase to 10,000 workers.

"Our demands are still lower than the scale already accepted by the Specialty Bakery Owners," said Ibanes. "If those employers can pay higher wages, why can't others?"

He reported the employers' counter-offer of a \$5 weekly increase per man had been flatly rejected by the union's negotiating committee.

The strike began Thursday midnight. All plants affected are being picketed.

The three locals who signed with Specialty Bakers won \$14 and \$13 a day for first and second bakers, respectively.



# Change the World

by Mike Gold

AN old friend who recently came up from Mexico asked me for the meaning of these strikes and recent GI protests.

I knew what was going on in his mind. For a patriot of Latin America it's always the vast, vague menace of Yankee imperialism that looms over everything.

They can't elect a landless farmers, they can't give farms to their landless farmers, they can't modernize their schools or organize trade unions or read Louie Aragon or put the murals of Orozco and Siqueros in their public buildings without intervention from Wall Street.

It's an old, old tale, and the World War has only intensified this continent's fear of Wall Street.

Americanoes of the South study us closely. Their fate hangs upon what happens in the United States. Their sensitive ears have heard all the manifestos of our new Yankee imperialism—the brassy call to world conquest uttered in late years by plumes like Henry Luce,



Dirty Willie Hearst and the duPont and Standard Oil cartellists.

And how about all these plans for an American Century? Are your atom-bomb diplomats really going to make war on the Soviet Union? Are they going to push England from the table and swallow the British Empire? "When will they get around to raising their bloody claws against Mexico again? At what stage in their Hitleresque program will they start into Latin America? What must we do to offset this new imperialism?"

Yes, these are some of the perpetual anxieties lurking behind the question of my old Mexican amigo as to the current strikes.

SO I had the brashness to stick my neck out and to tell him that I believed Yankee imperialism had received a major setback in these recent stirrings of the American people.

The Army vets in France, Italy, Manila and other far-flung spots on the map, were all homesick as hell, all right, and sore about being kept in hellholes long after they won the war.

There has been a tendency in the reptile world to blame the Army protests upon Communists. But every soldier at home or abroad, every parent of soldiers, knows this is just the old fascist lie-machine at work.

## The GIs and Labor—Some Answers for a Mexican Friend

The American Communist movement isn't strong enough to have organized such a world protest. Furthermore the boys are really homesick and sore; nobody is needed to tell them that.

Then is there any political meaning to the protests? Yes, there is, I believe. These spontaneous rumblings of the soldiers are a vote against Yankee imperialism.

What else can they now mean? Would any general in his full senses hope to conquer the Soviet Union, China, India, Brazil, Mexico and all the many other Luce-duPont objectives with an army of such "homesick" "Communist" "cry-babies in lace panties" as they have been variously called by the imperialists?

The political significance of all the Army upsurge seems to be that Yankee imperialism has had its time table badly upset. Certainly, the 10,000,000 veterans of the late World War are not rushing into imperialist adventures.

AS for the wave of great strikes, they enlisted the sympathy of more Americans than ever were known to line up with labor. A new spirit appeared in this country—a united front against the Wall Street monopolists.

During the war it was the skill and productivity of American labor that tipped

the scales against the Hitler war-machine. Everyone knows this. Without full-hearted cooperation by American labor Hitler might have won.

Would American labor now throw itself with equal devotion into an imperialist war against the Soviet Union or against a socialist Europe or free and equal Latin America?

The strikes speak their answering no. These strikes were really lockouts by Wall Street, an "evil conspiracy" to crush the labor movement and to establish some kind of fascism and imperialism—the Luce-duPont dream.

Well, who is winning the battle, labor and the people, or duPont and big-shot fascism? The answer is: Labor.

Yet this is only one act in a vast drama. The fight for America's future still remains. Wall Street is heading us toward inflation, depression, imperialism. But the people are much stronger as a result of the GI protests and the strikes.

As for Communists, let us get to work on the job of educating the American people in the larger politics of all that has been happening to them. The American people are fast maturing in the furnace of war and depression. They scorn the duPonts and the Luces, and have just shown it by a wave of strikes and GI protests and are anti-imperialist in the final accounting.

## Letters from Our Readers

### A Report on the Situation in Idaho

Wallace, Idaho.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Out here in Idaho we seem to have a unique situation in the unions and in the political field. Here in the mines, mills and smelters the workers are still on the six days per week basis. The companies are still hiring all the skilled and semi-skilled labor they can get. They are getting filled up on common labor. Three months ago they were still short more than one thousand workers.

Now, however, the workers are beginning to see the need for militant organization and union activities and they are starting to respond more readily than they have for three years to the militant people in the unions.

In the political field, we have much to accomplish in the 1946 elections. We have one very good representative in Congress, Glen Taylor. Although he is not perfect, he is honest and tries to

abide by the will of the majority of the voters.

Our other three Congressmen are all simply against progress and must be removed this year. We are starting early to lay plans for the defeat of these stooges of big business by attempting to mobilize labor and all progressive organizations to select and support candidates who will conform to the people's interests.

Then we shall take our program and candidates and present them to the various heads of the Democratic Party, making it clear to them that we will support only candidates who are really democratic.

Some of the functionaries on PAC must be given a very critical examination, and they must abide by the will of the people in the territories where they are assigned. We must start in early to put pressure on the leaders of PAC to see to it that suitable people are assigned to the various districts, people who will conform

to the rank and file decisions within the union, and who can be trusted to carry out these decisions in an honest and militant manner.

I think we must also do away with the idea of first consulting the Democratic Party about candidates. We must first organize, select our own candidates, then present them to the Democratic Party for its support. To go to the Democratic Party first would be to submit to tailism behind a basically reactionary political party, and would be an invitation to accept a group of reactionary candidates whom militant labor could not support.

I am sure this is our need here in Idaho at present, and I would like the Worker to voice its opinion. Our local unions here in North Idaho have written PAC regarding this and it looks like it is high time for the rest of the CIO to start on this essential task.

P. J. L.

### One Artist Commends Another Artist

Ausable Forks, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Ben Field's reporting of the G. E. strike is magnificent. Congratulations! ROCKWELL KENT.

### Wants Protests to WNYC For Red-Baiting Program

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Tuning into WNYC recently, we were "treated" to one of the most venomous and vile speeches we have ever heard. In a broadcast from Town Hall, a Mr. Sudduth Hurr aired his professional war-mongering. His speech was devoted wholly to an attack upon the Soviet Union, a virtual call for a third world war, and a demand for the immediate illegalization and abolition of the CPUSA.

It is criminal that such a person should be given the platform of Town Hall and radio time for expounding his fascist program. It is even more criminal that a public station like

WNYC, supported by our money, should see fit to permit such a "lecture" to be broadcast.

Protests should be lodged immediately and a public apology demanded of WNYC. Letters should be sent to Mr. Seymour N. Siegel, Program Director of WNYC, and Mayor O'Dwyer. E. P.

### 'Strange Fruit' Fosters Old Bourbon Ideology

Manhattan, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I am a native of Alabama, now in New York, and have seen the plays, *Deep Are the Roots* and *Strange Fruit*. The first I found to be very good, with the exception that the intermarriage issue is not basic at the moment. But I found *Strange Fruit* to be an intolerable portrayal of relations between the two basic groups in the South—the Negro people and the white workers.

How the Daily Worker and progressives who are generally influenced by the Communist Party have been able to excuse support and backing for this play is very difficult to understand. I, and many other progressive Southerners, believe that progress in the South can come only by a growing unity between the white workers and the Negro people. We believe they are natural allies. But your paper was backing a play that serves to drive a wedge further between these two groups by fostering the old bourbon ideology of laying the responsibility for lynching and other prejudices and discriminatory practices to the white workers. This claim is, of course, false. I believe any informed person would agree. And since the big job is to build a unity between the two groups, it is quite confusing to have a paper like yours back a production like *Strange Fruit*. P. B. N.

### Tweedle-dum Tweedle-dee

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

How many representatives has labor in the Congress of the U. S. and in the state legislatures? There is only one major party in the United States and it is divided into two parts, which further confuses the people.

GEO. LLOYD.

## Economic Issues

EVENTS in the past few days indicate that there is almost a 100 percent united front of officials in high Washington positions aligned against Chester Bowles of the OPA who really wants to hold the line on prices.

John Small, Civilian Production Administrator, was the latest to call for more "flexible" prices. The so-called Stabilization Administrator, John W. Collet, Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson and John Snyder, Reconstruction Director, are beginning to chant the same tune. The words of the President's State of the Union message mean nothing in the face of these desertions from effective price control.

The proponents of "just a little" inflation base their program on the idea that stability of the price structure is less important than a rapid increase in production. They echo the NAM and other business saboteurs who say such increase is impossible without letting down the price bars for monopoly in general and the steel trust in particular.

These half-baked theoreticians of retreat contend that price increases will attract resources where needed, stimulate output and thus, through the competition among manufacturers for a share of the market, eventually bring about the lowering of prices.

This mechanism, unfortunately, can work only when one sector of the economy is facing a sudden growth of demand. Under such conditions a higher price can often cause a

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shift of labor, materials, etc., to the most lucrative use.

But this is not the situation today. For the whole economy is now experiencing relative shortages. Price increases, therefore, will only put a premium on speculative hoarding of supplies, especially when traders feel that the shortage created by their avarice will force even greater breakthroughs of former ceilings set by OPA.

The fact is that the force of competition will not be felt for many months in most consumer durable goods, and for years at least in housing. In the meantime, working class consumers will be drained of their money income in a sellers' market. And profits, reaped in an inflationary boomlet, will either be paid out immediately and drive prices even higher, or will be hoarded and withdrawn from the market all at once whenever the boom wanes.

It is clear from this perspective that prompt renewal of the price control act for at least a year is needed to safeguard living standards, improve the distribution of the national income and protect the economy against the violence of the business cycle.

As added kindling to the inflationary fires comes a stock market boom worse than anything since 1929. And little stabilizing effect has resulted from the raising of margin requirements on brokers' loans. For about 80 percent of security trading had been on a cash basis anyway, and banks can still continue to lend to brokers on margins averaging 25 percent.

## Keep the Price Lid On

The huge liquid assets piled up by the investing class during the war are thus being used to drive stock prices above their highest point in 15 years. And tens of thousands of speculative "suckers" are being drawn into the jaws of Wall Street despite the little publicized "warnings" of those whose first interest is to profit from brokerage commissions on sales!

The trend in farm land values is another reflection of the current inflationary psychology. As of March 1, 1945, agricultural land values were 52 percent above 1939 values per acre. The pattern of the last great land boom of World War I should be recalled. Between 1914 and 1921, farm land prices went up over 67 percent and farm mortgage debt by 117 percent. Over two million forced sales of farms or farm land followed the crash of farm prices; that is, one-fourth or more of the farm land in the country was forfeited.

As in the control of commodity prices, words are not enough. The nice-sounding propaganda of our agricultural authorities won't take the place of real measures to control the developing land inflation which can result in the wiping out of all wartime gains in farm income. For the ultimate crash would, of course, be followed by a falling off in sales by industry and resulting unemployment.

The cost of the war, as Bob Digby and Lem Harris point out in their article on "Danger Signs in Postwar Farm Perspectives," in the current Political Affairs, would be loaded "upon the backs of the farmers, workers and small business men."

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## A New Chance for China

THE people of China have a lot to cheer about in the agreement which Chiang Kai-shek has been forced to accept after the month-long conference with the Communists and other democratic parties. For the first time all of China—not only the Communist-led areas of the north—have the chance of peaceful and democratic development. The Communists' long fight against civil war, for a democratic coalition and economic reconstruction is now being rewarded.

Why is Chiang Kai-shek compelled to accept a coalition, to recognize the regional autonomy, to guarantee democratic rights, and hold a constituent assembly for a new constitution?

The main reason, we think, is the terrific demand from within China for such a policy. It is the powerful opposition which the Communists and other democratic forces placed before Chiang, preventing the further civil war.

It is the influence which the Soviet Union exerts through its policy of non-intervention, and thereby balances and checks the American imperialist interventionary game. Also, it was the outcry of the American people against imperialist assistance to the Kuomintang which helped. That compelled Gen. George C. Marshall to act differently from former ambassador Gen. Hurley.

Of course, an agreement signed is not yet an agreement carried out. And we think the United States can now help China best by withdrawing its armed forces. As Chu Teh points out, China needs no arms now and certainly not any American military missions. The last excuse for keeping American marines in China has disappeared. There never was a good reason and there is not now. Let's bring them home.

## Wallace on the Atom

IT'S good to see that Henry Wallace has broken his long silence on vital public issues, and denounced the War Department's bill for atomic energy control. There are many other issues on which he might speak up, but his warning that military control of atomic energy would lead to "new and more terrible forms of authoritarianism and imperialism" is good. It shows that he senses the imperialist tendencies among his colleagues in the Administration.

What we also thought timely was Wallace's exposure of the Kellogg Corp. subsidiary, which is exploiting its work on the atomic bomb for its own commercial purposes, and refuses to share the secrets with the Department of Commerce.

The fact is that the big monopolies are hiding the "knowhow" of atomic energy in their own vaults. That's why all secrets must be taken out of the hands of private corporations and vested in a public authority.

Only a program of government control can develop atomic energy for peacetime uses. In fact, only American socialism can do that to the fullest degree, that is, when American workers and farmers themselves control and utilize the means of production, and expand the economy for the nation's benefit. In the meantime a fight on the monopolist patent-grab is essential.

While we agree with Wallace, we think he might have said much more. He might have lashed out at atomic diplomacy as such, which remains a danger whether civilians or military men carry it out.

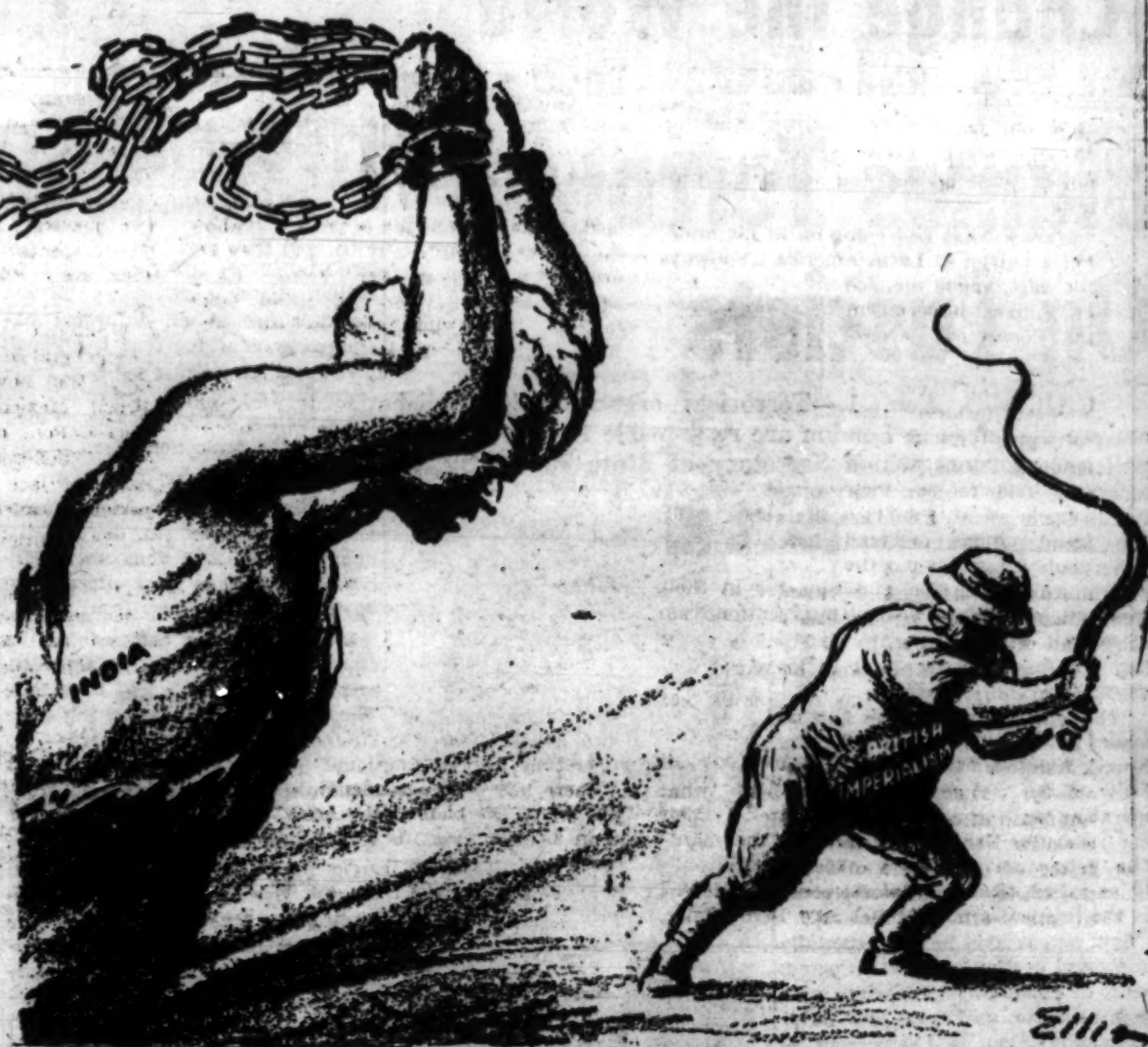
He might have lent his strength to those Congressmen who are questioning the purpose of the Navy Department's display of atomic power in the fleet-bombing show this spring.

## Say That Again, Senator

WHILE filibustering against FEPC the other day, Sen. Walter F. George of Georgia pounded his desk and said:

"You can be sure that Communists everywhere are vigorously supporting this legislation!"

You can say that again, bud. And you can be just as sure that the rest of the decent-minded American people, who happen to be a majority, are also supporting FEPC.



Between the Lines

## MacArthur's Latest Farce

by Joseph Starobin

ONLY seven months ago, our boys were fighting the armies of imperial Japan, meeting death and dealing out death in a bitter struggle. And the whole country was being urged over the radio and through the press to back the boys up to the finish. Yet it's a strange example of the power of imperialism—the society in which we live—that the great majority of our people think Gen. Douglas MacArthur is doing a job in Japan. The truth is that he is maintaining in power the very system which made Japan such a menace. The latest example of what a farce the entire American policy in Japan has become will be found in a study of the forthcoming Japanese elections.



These elections are scheduled for March 31; but just why Gen. MacArthur is rushing elections in a country which is still so steeped in feudal fascism is beyond me. Elections, after all, are only a registration of existing political relationships. If the Emperor had been tossed out, if the anti-fascist forces had been allowed to form a provisional, democratic regime; if the Japanese themselves had been roused to punish the war criminals, divide the big feudal estates, take over the industrial monopolies, I could understand the value of an election.

As it is, the elections are just going to deceive both Americans and Japanese. The Japanese people will say: "If democracy only means voting while we have no food, while our demobilized soldiers are unemployed, while the war criminals are still in power, what good is it?" And Americans will be buffeted into thinking that MacArthur is great stuff, whereas in fact he is a great bluff. A bluff which a future generation may have to pay for.

To begin with, the present Shidehara government is going to pass on the candidates qualified to run for office, according to Lindsay Parrott in the Times for Jan. 30.

From this task the newer political parties, which are not

represented in the cabinet, are excluded under today's decision," says Parrott. In other words, the fascists themselves will determine who is a fascist and who isn't!

And what about the political parties? The largest one—with about 300 members of the present Diet (the war-time Diet) is called the Progressive Party.

They were all members—leading members—of the Japan Political Party, the totalitarian outfit established in 1940. In so far as the Progressives have a platform, it is to continue an unchanged Japan under the benevolence of Gen. MacArthur.

Then there are the Liberals—fancy names, you will notice. Their main demand is the outlawing of the Japanese Communists. Their main leaders are reactionary politicians directly connected with one or another of the Zaibatsu families, such as Mitsui and Yasuda. The chief "Liberal" was Gen. Jiro Minami, recently arrested as a war criminal, but the ones who remain are almost as bad.

For example, Ichiro Hatoyama (relatively inactive during the war because of factional disagreement with Tojo) is the nephew of Kishaburo Suzuki, a former home and justice minister, and known as one of Japan's outstanding reactionaries, a Mitsui favorite.

Hatoyama himself was a former education minister, a thorough reactionary. Wataru Narabishi is a member of the present cabinet, which says something about him, but it should be mentioned that he's president of the Second Lawyers Club, a typical ultra-nationalist organization. He

was head of the Japanese army's Secret Service in north China.

**Future of Japan Rests in Coalition**

And then there are the Social-Democrats, who are divided into three factions. The right-wing leaders are bitterly anti-Soviet. The main figures—Komakichi Maekawa and Bunji Suzuki—are something like a Japanese Matthew Woll. They are, of course, united with the Liberals and Progressives in upholding the Emperor system.

The Centrist leaders are themselves war criminals—Juso Miwa and Inajiro Asanuma—directors of the National Labor Front which served the Emperor so well. No doubt, the funds of this totalitarian organization are still at the disposal of the Centrist Social-Democrats.

Only the left wing, led by Kanju Kato, Chozaburo Mizutani and Tetsu Katayama are representative of the new forces in Japan. These men took part in the great mass meeting of 10,000 people which welcomed home the outstanding Communist leader, Sanzo Nozaka (Okano) a week ago.

The future of a democratic Japan lies with the Left, with a Socialist-Communist coalition that might then attract some of the Liberals. But as things are today, the holding of elections under Shidehara's bureaucratic cabinet stacks the cards heavily in favor of the extreme rightists in the bogus.

Will Gen. MacArthur please explain why he is permitting elections of this kind at this time? Why doesn't he, instead, oust the Shidehara cabinet and permit the Japanese to form a democratic coalition government?

## Worth Repeating

Speaking of the role of the state in society Lenin says in *State and Revolution*: "The exploiting classes need political rule in order to maintain exploitation, i. e., in the selfish interests of an insignificant minority, and against the vast majority of the people. The exploited classes need political rule in order completely to abolish all exploitation, i. e., in the interests of the vast majority of the people, and against the insignificant minority consisting of the slaveowners of modern times—the landlords and the capitalists."



# Was in Poland, Blames Terror On Fascists

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Terrorists organized by Polish emigre die-hards in London are responsible for the wave of political murders which Secretary of State James Byrnes spurned to the Provisional Polish Government, Michigan State Sen. Stanley Nowak charged here yesterday.

Sen. Nowak has just returned from Poland, where he headed a delegation of five chosen by 30 Polish American organizations to investigate conditions there.

"The old London regime has no mass following in Poland," Sen. Nowak asserted. "We found the majority of the people in Poland co-operating with the government in the reconstruction of the country. The delegation found no evidence of so-called 'Russian interference' in the internal affairs of Poland."

Sen. Nowak said he was especially impressed by the industrial progress made in Poland, by comparison with such countries as France and Italy. Coal production is 110 percent of prewar level. There is no unemployment.

Almost all workers, he said, belong to the trade union movement which is unified for the first time in history. The two working class parties—Socialist and Workers—cooperate more successfully in Poland than anywhere else.

The delegates were horrified at the devastation they had seen, especially in Warsaw, Danzig, Posen. Destruction of transportation hampers distribution of food and coal, and while UNRRA and other organizations are doing "good work," more help is needed.

## Polish Jewish Group Due Here Shortly

A delegation of Polish Jews, led by Dr. Emil Sommerstein, head of the Jewish Central Committee of Poland, will arrive here within a few days, Dr. Joseph Tenenbaum, president of the American Federation of Polish Jews, announced yesterday.

A dinner will be given for the delegation Sunday, Feb. 17, at the Hotel Astor.



SEN. NOWAK

## Tibor Eckhardt Attacks USSR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Tibor Eckhardt, agent sent here by Hungarian fascist Nicholas Horthy, attacked the unity of the United Nations, in his opening lecture at Georgetown University here yesterday.

Eckhardt urged that the United Nations exclude any country which does not stand on the basis of "Christian civilization," and attacked the Soviet Union.

In his opening remarks, Hunter Guthrie, Dean of Georgetown, referred to the protest sent by John Gyetvai, editor of Magyar Jovo, who said that Eckhardt dealt with Hitler in 1923 to achieve Nazi-Hungarian economic ties. According to the Dean, this made Eckhardt "an even more remarkable man."

# Byrnes Joins Bevin in Diversionary Hue and Cry Against Poland

After having been rebuffed in Iran, it looks as though the United States and Great Britain are opening a new broadside on the Soviet Union—via Poland. One week after

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin surprised all informed observers by charging that the Polish police are committing political murders inside Poland, Secretary of State, James F. Byrnes has chimed in with the same nonsense.

But it is sinister nonsense. It looks as though the Anglo-American powers want to disrupt the unity of the Polish democratic parties. And what is more—needle the Soviet Union on a new front.

Mr. Byrnes, who comes from the Jimcrow state of South Carolina seems to be taking a leaf from Sen. Theodore Bilbo. He is starting some kind of diplomatic filibuster—no doubt because the Soviet Union is standing firm for democratic treaties with Italy and the other former satellites of Germany.

On the facts of the situation in Poland, Byrnes is, of course, misleading the American public. There have been political murders in Poland, it is true. About 1,500 democrats of all shades of opinion, including two leaders of the Polish Peasant Party, have been murdered by underground fascist bands known as the NSZ. That terrorist activity is directly organized by Gen. Wladislaw Anders, whom the British are still giving hospitality in Italy.

As the Polish Ambassador, Oscar Lange, pointed out yesterday in reply to Byrnes, other terrorists and fascist groups make their headquarters in Coburg, in the American zone of occupation in Germany.

"I hope that the governments of the United States and Great Britain may be willing to cooperate by removing all centers of political terrorism in Poland, which are located in areas under their control," said Dr. Lange, restraining his anger. "Such action would be most conducive to the political stabilization of Europe."

In other words, the charge that the Polish police are murdering "opposition leaders" in Poland and thereby postponing elections in that country is sheer brass.

The murders are organized by fascists financed by Great Britain and protected by the United States.

The Polish people will get around to elections this summer when they are good and ready, and when the chaos created by these foreign-inspired terrorists is overcome. Byrnes knows that very well.

The provocative character of his

attack is further indicated by the fact that when the Polish Ambassador, Dr. Lange, saw Undersecretary Dean Acheson on Wednesday, not a word was said about these charges. Byrnes obviously dragged them in on Thursday because of ulterior motives in connection with the London meetings.

Americans may recall a similar case of such provocative and irresponsible diplomacy. That was in San Francisco last May, when the U.S. and Britain manufactured a big rumpus over 16 Polish spies who had been caught by the Red Army.

They broke that story in the midst of the San Francisco conference in the hope of torpedoing the parley, offsetting the effects of the Argentina outrage and postponing the formation of a united Polish government.

Is Byrnes attempting now what Stettinius tried to do last May?

## Portuguese Cavalry Attacks Republicans

LISBON, Feb. 1 (UP).—Horse Guards and police yesterday dispersed crowds celebrating the unsuccessful Republican revolution of 1891 and demonstrating against the present government of Premier Antonio de Oliveira Salazar.

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**DAILY WORKER** Unit of American Newspaper Guild announces a dance for the benefit of the CIO Strike Fund on Friday evening, Feb. 2, at Club 63, 12 Astor Pl. two floors. Dancing to Lee Norman and his orchestra. Adm. \$1.30.

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# Rank-File Dockers Back Tugboat Strike

The rank and file committee of the International Longshoremen's Association, AFL, has unanimously endorsed the tugboat strike called for Monday, it was disclosed yesterday.

Endorsement followed a meeting of the rank and file committee Thursday night. The committee congratulated the tugboat workers for rejecting the \$1 a day wage increase offered by the employers and urged all longshoremen to get behind the strike.

The strike, which will involve 3,500 tug and barge workers in the harbor and nearby ports, was voted

last week by the membership of Local 333, the United Marine Division of ILA.

The rank and file longshoremen warned that a "hard fight" lay ahead and pointed out that the success of the strike will depend upon the extent to which the rank and file are involved and watchful.

"Brothers of Local 333," said the statement, "remember the experience of the longshoremen of last October! Don't sit back and expect that your demands will be won without a hard fight. Victory requires full participation of every man in the strike. Let nothing be done without the full knowledge and approval of the membership. Unite to win!"

The CIO National Maritime Union voted support for the strike and wrote Capt. William Bradley, president of Local 333, urging him to inform the seamen's union immediately "of all the steps necessary for the NMU-N. Y. branch to make our support active."

## Fur Workers Give \$100,000 to Strikers

A \$100,000 contribution to strike relief was made yesterday by the CIO International Fur and Leather Workers.

Ben Gold, union president, said the amount was a first allocation from a large fund being raised to support the wage fight.

"The workers now on the picket lines are fighting the trusts for a decent American standard of living," Gold said. "Their fight is our fight."

## Eisenhower Defends Bradley's Policies

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (UP).—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Chief of Staff, tonight staunchly defended Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Veterans Administrator whose ouster has been demanded by the American Legion.

## Take Stand on Peron Charges, U. S. Demands

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (UP).—The United States has asked the Argentine government to support or "publicly repudiate" charges by Col. Juan Peron that the U. S. Embassy was involved in arms smuggling in connection with the coming Argentine election.

## FOREIGN BRIEFS

### No Fabric Withholding in USSR

**SOVIET TEXTILES:** Former war factories in the USSR are working at top speed turning out textiles for civilian consumption. Paulina Zhemchuzhina, wife of Foreign Commissar Molotov and Chief of the Soviet Textile and Notions Industry, announced yesterday in Moscow. Reconverted parachute plants are producing increasing quantities of ribbons, silk thread, scarves and handkerchiefs, she said. The output of felt hats, curtains and neckties is expected to reach pre-war levels in the near future.

**CHANCE TO MAKE GOOD:** The German Communist newspaper in Berlin said that the hundreds of thousands of "small Nazis" who can prove that they never actively supported Hitler should be allowed to join the Communist and other anti-Nazi parties. Unless they are absorbed in constructive work and allowed to rehabilitate themselves, Deutsche Volkszeitung argued, they will become a maladjusted group and a potential menace to freedom.

**SEEK ALBANIA GRAB:** A delegation in London claiming to represent

sent refugee Greeks from southern Albania, told the press that Greece must be handed one fifth of Albania's territory. Their demand was timed to complicate the question of admitting Albania to the UNO, as proposed by the Soviet Union.

**CHU TEH EXPLAINS:** The projected American military mission to China is "unnecessary," according to Chu Teh, Chinese Communist commander-in-chief, because Chinese economy cannot support a large army at this time, and military mechanization would depress the people's living standard still further.

**MANCHURIA:** Soviet forces in Manchuria, with agreement of the Chinese, are understood to have delayed their departure until March 1 because of difficult transportation conditions.

**TRIPOLITANIA:** The Soviet Union is said to be seeking individual trusteeship of the Italian colony of Tripolitania.

**FOOD FOR ALGERIA:** Yves Chataigneau, French governor general of Algeria, warned that if the government cuts Algerian food rations there may be a new outbreak of the anti-French demonstrations which cost the lives of thousands of North Africans last Spring.

## CP's Message to N. Y. Packing Workers

The New York State Committee of the Communist Party yesterday congratulated the city's packinghouse workers for the victories so far achieved in their wage struggle and urged them to join the Party.

"During the 10-day strike you learned a great deal about unity, solidarity and organization," a message from Bob Thompson, state secretary of the Party to the meat workers declared. "You also learned to know your true friends. The Communist Party is the party of the working people. It supported your strike just as it always fights to defend and advance labor's best interests. We invite you to join the Communist Party."

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- "Anti-Semitism runs parallel with hostility to Great Britain and Russia."

Fortune shows that while there's a higher percentage of wealthy people who have formal education, "the results indicate that if education were studied independently of wealth, its increase would parallel a decrease in anti-Jewish feeling."

Anti-Semitism increased in this country, Fortune says, during the period of Hitler's ascendancy, when a powerful propaganda machine preached hatred of Jews as an article of export. "Now, however," Fortune claims, "anti-Semitism's growth in the U. S. appears to have been halted."

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## NYU, Irish Win Warmups

New York University's free-scoring Violets copped their seventh consecutive basketball game and their 12th in 13 starts this season by trimming an inferior Boston College quintet Thursday night, 64 to 33, before 8,600 fans at Boston Garden.

NYU coasted to its easy win after piling up a 19-point lead in the first nine minutes of play before Boston College scored.

Phil Kenney of Boston College salvaged the Eagles' only bit of prestige by netting 18 points to become top scorer. Sid Tanenbaum and Adolph Schayes with five baskets each paced the Gothamites. Coach Howard Cann used every man on his squad in an attempt to keep the score down.

The game proved to be nothing more than a warm-up for the Violets' game next, Saturday night at Madison Square against undefeated Notre Dame, which won its 13th game Thursday night, too.

The unbeaten Notre Dame quintet, meanwhile, rolled up its 13th consecutive victory by defeating Michigan State, 62 to 57, before a capacity crowd of 4,500 fans at South Bend.

The Fighting Irish, never behind after the opening whistle, moved into a 9 to 0 lead in the first five minutes and then stayed off several Michigan rallies later in the game to remain among the country's few undefeated teams. Notre Dame led at the halftime, 30 to 24.

Michigan State pulled to within two points of the Irish, 32 to 30, in the first three minutes of the second half before Leo (Crystal) Klier and Vince (Bullets) Boryla

sparked Notre Dame back to a 45 to 36 lead.

Another Michigan rally cut Notre Dame's margin to 51 to 46 with only six minutes remaining and sliced the lead still further to three points, 58 to 55, with two minutes to go. The score went to 60 to 57 and John Dee of Notre Dame scored to make the final score 62 to 57 as the game ended.

The names of those who have signed were not revealed but it was known that Nick Etten, first baseman, was not among them for he has announced that he is dissatisfied with the terms offered.

At the same time, the Yankees announced that 32 players, seven of them belonging to their Newark and Kansas City farm clubs, would make the spring training trip to Panama next week. The personnel of the squad:

Pitchers—Spud Chandler, Joe Page, Floyd Bevens, Karl Drews, Steve Roser, Renaldo Ardisoria, Herb Karpel, Tommy Byrne, Frank Shea, Charley Stanceau, Jake Wade, Marvin Brenner, John Maldevin, all of the Yankees; and Carl Derose, Kansas City and William Wight and Frank Hiller, both of Newark.

Catchers—Ken Silvestri and Ken Sears of the Yankees, Charles Silveira, Newark, and Gus Niarous, Kansas City.

Infielders—Joe Gordon, Buddy Hassett, Phil Rizzuto, Steve Soucek, Joe Bookman, Henry Majeski and Johnny Sturm, all of the Yankees.

Outfielders—Joe DiMaggio, Tommy Henrich and Tony Savol of the Yankees, and Hal Douglas and Harry Craft of Kansas City.

## THE ROUNDUP

Robert J. (Bob) White, 212-pound former fullback at Indiana University, yesterday signed a contract to play with the Chicago Rockets of the All-America football conference next season.

White, discharged from the Army in December, was captain of the Indiana football team in 1942. His Indiana teammate, Billy Hillebrand, also has been signed by the rockets.

Four of the Washington Senators' brightest pre-war stars were out of service yesterday and going through preliminary workouts at Hot Springs prior to joining the team for spring training.

They were shortstop Cecil Travis and third baseman Buddy Lewis, two big Washington offensive guns; and also catcher Jake Early and Sidney Hudson, a righthanded pitcher.

Babe Dahlgren, who played 144 games at first base for the Pittsburgh Pirates last season, has signed his 1946 contract, General Manager Ray L. Kennedy announced yesterday. Dahlgren batted .250 and fielded .966.

Jim Quinlan, one of the outstanding centers in collegiate basketball before he became an officer in the Marine Corps, rejoined the Canisius College squad yesterday and will be on hand for next Thursday night's against undefeated Notre Dame.

Quinlan registered for college classes yesterday. As a Marine he served 18 months overseas and received the purple heart for shrapnel wounds in both legs at Okinawa.

## MacMitchell, Hansenne In Mile Duel Tonight

By PHIL GORDON

Leslie MacMitchell, former NYU indoor mile king, is favored to defeat four rivals and win the Wanamaker Mile in the 39th annual Millrose A.A. games at Madison Square Garden tonight.

MacMitchell, making a comeback after three years in the Navy, is expected to receive his stiffest competition this evening from Marcel Hansenne, French 1,500-meter champion who will be making his American debut. Rounding out the field will be Bill Leonard, Notre Dame; Bill McGuire and Tommy Quinn, former central collegiate mile champion.

The big question is whether Hansenne, who never has competed on boards, has become accustomed to the pine footing in 10 days of training since his arrival. The French runner bested Sweden's famed Gunder Hagg last summer in Stockholm with a 4:08.2 performance.

The mile is the feature of a 24-event program which is certain to attract a capacity crowd of 15,000.

Six defending champions will see action. They are national champion Barney Ewell of Penn State, 60-yard dash; Ed Dugger of Tufts, 60-yard high hurdles; Jim Herbert, 600 yards; Forest Eflaw, Oklahoma A. & M., two-mile run; John Vislocky, Coast Guard, high jump, and Milt Padway, Wisconsin, pole vault.

Ewell's strong competition includes a fast field jammed with nationally-known football stars. These include Felix (Doc) Blanchard, Army's all-American fullback, and his former cadet teammate, Max Minor; Clyde Scott of Navy and

Al Hudson, Miami star whose 87-yard run won the Orange Bowl game on Jan. 1. These four will run in a special "football heat."

Herbert will be seeking an unprecedented sixth victory in the Mel Sheppard 600 yard run against national champion Elmore Harris, Bill Kash, Navy's NCAA 440 king; Herb McKenley of Illinois and NYU's Maurice Callender.

In the high jump, Vislocky's chief opposition is expected to come from Mathias Kashuba, Bloomsburg, Pa., Teachers; Dave Albritton, former Ohio State and Olympic star from Dayton, O., and Paul Robeson, Jr., Cornell's ICA champion.

Attempting to dethrone Padway in the vault are John Schmidt, former Ohio State ace now a Broadway stage singer, and Howard Jensen, former Temple star.

## Today's Program For Young People At the Beacon

The fourth consecutive weekly program this Saturday, Feb. 2, of the Children's Saturday Matinee Club at the Beacon Theatre, Broadway and 74th St., will have as its principal stage attraction Henry Boyd, who has been selected because of his bird imitations given on Broadway stages.

Performances start at 10:45 a. m.

## LEGION AND VFW POSTS AID JONES & LAUGHLIN STRIKERS

By CALVIN BROOK

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 1.—The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts are giving every possible support to striking Jones and Laughlin steel workers at Hazelwood.

William H. McDonald, commander of post 247 VFW, stated: "We are supporting labor in its present fight and we are 100 percent behind the union. We offered our kitchen facilities to the union and we are always ready to give the strikers money donations."

William Lewis, commander of post 538 of the American Legion, who would not go on record as far as the present wage struggle is concerned, assured this reporter that "We are taking good care of our boys, many of whom are among the strikers. Whenever they'll need something, we will always help them."

According to Thomas Flaherty, president of Local 1843 of the United Steelworkers, not only veterans but also other community organizations are giving all-out support to the strikers. Money and food donations are constantly pouring in.

Local 1843 has 4,500 members, Flaherty said, and 1,500 of them are returned veterans of World War II. "Our ex-servicemen are participating in this struggle and 95 percent of them have already been on the picket lines."

### WOMEN PREPARE FOOD

The union has established a kitchen at its headquarters at Elizabeth and Flowers avenue. Women shop and office workers of the local are preparing food for the picket lines.

Agnes Choje, 20, a worker in the hot strip mill, stated:

"The men and women should stick together and be on strike until we win our demands. It's a wonderful thing to belong to a union because the union is always backing you up."

Agnes' father, Andrew Choje, is also a striker and was on the picket line.

"If the men would let me on the picket line, I'd be there every day," she concluded.

Mrs. Myrtle Hinkofer came in from the kitchen.

"I am a crane operator and I am behind this strike 100 percent," she said. "I don't think that the average steel worker gets enough in take-home pay to enable him to keep up his American standard of living. That's why my husband and I are on strike. If my husband would make enough, I would not have to work as a crane operator and could take better care of my 12-year-old boy."

Mr. Flaherty, union president, has been working at Jones & Laughlin for the last 10 years. "But in this short period, I've seen a great change in living and working conditions of the steel workers. Since the union came in, they no longer can kick us around, we have job security, seniority rights and are treated like human beings."

Support for strikers is mounting. Mayor John J. Mullen of Clairton, Pa., announced his city is prepared to borrow \$50,000 as an emergency relief fund to aid the steel workers and their families.

Relief legislation was introduced in the City Council by City Finance Officer John Watko, and was approved unanimously by Mayor Mullen and Councilmen John Donnelly and Cesar Ricci.

The move to provide the relief was taken after it was explained that about 3,000 workers of the Clairton Works and the Clairton Coke and By-Products Plant of Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp. make their homes in the city. A total of 5,500 are employed by the company.

"We felt we had an obligation to the people here," Mayor Mullen declared. "Unemployment compensation may be slow in coming through, and veterans will not be able to get any at all."

"If other communities would do the same thing," a Councilman said, "perhaps the steel companies would change their position on this strike."

### 11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—Teentimers Club  
WOR—Prescott Robinson, News  
WJZ—Tell Me, Doctor  
WABC—Warren Sweeney, News  
WMCA—News; Music Box  
WQXR—News; Music  
WABC—Let's Pretend  
11:15-WOR—Tex Fletcher  
WJZ—Bible Message  
11:30-WEAF—Smilin' Ed McConnell  
WOR—Land of the Lost  
WJZ—Chester Bowles—Talk  
WABC—Billie Burke Show  
WMCA—Saturday Serenade  
WQXR—String Music  
11:45-WJZ—Chet, Gaylord, Songs

### NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—News; Consumer Time  
WOR—House of Mystery  
WJZ—Piano Playhouse  
WABC—Theater of Today  
WQXR—News; Luncheon Concert  
12:15-WJZ—Elizabeth Woodward  
12:30-WEAF—Atlantic Spotlight  
WOR—News; Answer Man  
WJZ—The American Farmer  
WABC—Stars Over Hollywood  
WOR—Man on the Farm  
WJZ—Symphonies for Youth; Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, Alfred Wallenstein, Conductor  
WABC—Grand Central Station  
WQXR—News; Midday Symphony  
1:25-WMCA—Health Talk  
1:30-WEAF—The Veterans' Adviser  
WOR—Orry House  
WABC—County Fair  
WMCA—The Captain Tim Healy  
1:45-WEAF—The American World  
WJZ—News Reports  
WMCA—Vocal Varieties

### 2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—Harry Slick Orchestra  
WOR—Louis Kaufman  
WJZ—Metropolitan Opera—Wagner's Tristan and Isolde  
WABC—Of Men and Books  
WMCA—News; This Is Our Town  
WQXR—News; Music  
2:15-WEAF—Radio Reporter  
WOR—One Man's Destiny  
WABC—Adventure in Science  
2:30-WEAF—The Baxters—Sketch  
WOR—Courtney's Record Carnival  
WABC—Columbia Workshop  
WMCA—Talk—Capt. Harold Stassen  
WQXR—Music of Our Time  
2:45-WEAF—Camp Meeting Choir  
3:00-WEAF—St. Louis Symphony Orch., Vladimir Golschmann, Conductor  
WABC—Assignment Home  
WMCA—News; Novena Services  
WQXR—News; Request Music  
3:30-WOR—It's Up to Youth  
WABC—Talk—Eric Johnston  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
3:45-WABC—Cross Section—CIO  
4:00-WEAF—Doctors at Home  
WOR—Better Half—Matinee  
WABC—Record Shop  
WMCA—News; Western Songs  
WQXR—News; Symphony Music  
4:30-WEAF—First Piano Quartet  
WOR—Fletcher Orchestra  
WABC—Lawrence Orchestra  
4:45-WOR—Racing at Hialeah  
4:55-WABC—Olin Downes—Talk  
5:00-WEAF—Studio Music  
WOR—Musical Grab Bag  
WJZ—Dance Music  
WABC—Philadelphia Orchestra  
WQXR—News; Musical Milestones  
5:30-WEAF—John W. Vandercook, News  
WOR—Uncle Don  
WMCA—News; Jerry Baker, Songs  
5:45-WEAF—Variety Musicals  
WOR—Lanny and Ginger, Songs  
WJZ—Milton Cross Show  
WQXR—City Symphony Preview

## RADIO

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WEAF—570 Ka.  
WJZ—710 Ka.  
WJZ—710 Ka.  
WNYC—880 Ka.  
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WINS—1000 Ka.  
WVEB—1230 Ka.  
WNEW—1130 Ka.  
WLIE—1130 Ka.  
WHN—1050 Ka.  
WGV—1230 Ka.  
WJNY—1480 Ka.  
WQXR—1500 Ka.

### 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF—Lyle Van, News  
WOR—Paul Schubert  
WJZ—Wilfred Fletcher, News  
WABC—Quincy Howe, News  
WQXR—News; Music to Remember  
6:15-WEAF—Around Town—John Copper  
WOR—Strictly Personal  
WABC—People's Platform  
WMCA—Recorded Songs  
6:25-WQXR—News; Dinner Music  
6:30-WOR—Fred Vandeventer, News  
WJZ—Harry Wismer, Sports  
WMCA—Racing Results  
6:45-WEAF—Religion in the News  
WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax  
WJZ—Labor—U.S.A.  
WABC—The World Today  
WMCA—Talk—Jack Shafer  
6:55-WABC—Robert Trout, News  
7:00-WEAF—Our Foreign Policy  
WOR—Guess Who?—Quiz  
WJZ—It's Your Business  
WABC—Play—With Helen Hayes  
WMCA—News; Dance Music  
7:15-WJZ—Correspondents Abroad  
7:30-WEAF—Jimmy Edmondson Show  
WJZ—The New Dick Tracy Show  
WABC—The First Nighter  
WQXR—Stell Anderson, Piano  
7:45-WOR—The Answer Man  
8:00-WEAF—Life of Riley—Play  
WOR—Twenty Questions  
WJZ—Sidewalk Interviews  
WABC—Dick Haymes Show  
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall  
8:15-WJZ—Here's Morgan  
8:30-WEAF—Truth and Consequences  
WOR—Rhapsody for Strings  
WJZ—Men From G-3—Play  
WABC—Mayor of the Town—Play, with Lionel Barrymore  
8:55-WABC—Ned Calmer, News

### 9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—National Barn Dance  
WOR—Leave It to the Girls  
WJZ—Gangbusters—Play

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# Cerf Rips Gannett Defense of Pound

By SAMUEL SILLEN

**BENNETT CERF**, president of Random House, is to be congratulated for refusing to publish Ezra Pound. Mr. Cerf is sticking to his guns despite criticism in the book trade that he is "mixing up" poetry and politics.

One of Mr. Cerf's critics is Lewis Gannett, book reviewer for the N. Y. Herald Tribune, who claims that Cerf is emotional, war-minded, falling into the Nazi pattern of book burning.

This controversy started when Bennett Cerf and his partners refused to include some poems of Ezra Pound in their new Modern Library Anthology of English and American Poetry. The American section of this anthology was edited by Conrad Aiken, who made the selections from Pound. The publishers, refusing to print anything by the fascist traitor, gave Aiken a fair enough choice: either to remain as editor, with a footnote naming the omitted Pound poems and explaining why the publishers refused to carry them, or to withdraw as editor with full pay for his work.

Aiken chose the former course. Then he came crying to PM in the famous Dearest Ezra symposium. Max Lerner contributed a pro-anti-pro editorial on the difference between poets as poets and as fascists. And now Lewis Gannett has expressed his fear that Cerf is borrowing Nazi methods.

ANSWERING Gannett, the Modern Library publisher says:

"I believe that a publisher in a democratic society has the right to decide what he will publish and not publish under his imprint." Cerf gags at the idea of paying a traitor the few dollars necessary to get his permission to reprint. "That money—and the time being devoted by well meaning citizens to defend Pound—should be spent multiplied a thousand-fold, it seems to me, for purposes more in keeping with everything this country is supposed to stand for."

Cerf points out that Pound is no more "insane" than Lord Haw-Haw, Amery, or the swine who ran the concentration camps. He nominates for the prize understatement of the year Gannett's charge

that Pound is being judged for his "wartime attitudes." "Pound's attitude," as Cerf notes, "was no result of the stress of war; it was the culmination of long years spent in trying to destroy democratic principles to which a true poet is devoted."

Emotional? "Of course, I am! How can you help being emotional about the most important struggle in the world today?"

"Damn it, Lewis, this war is not over," Cerf exclaims. "The same ideology that caused it—the ideology that Pound has preached—is still all too prevalent in the world. Every time you parade the work of a man who represents such ideas, especially while he still lives, you are in a sense glorifying him, and giving tacit approval to his point of view."

THIS is exactly the point that needs to be hammered home in current discussions of Pound. Whenever I hear somebody trying to build up Pound as a poet, I find him trying to soften our attitude toward him as a fascist. Cerf has rightly declined at this moment to approach Pound as a problem in aesthetics. He is staging a sorely needed literary demonstration against fascism, not poetry.

Gannett concedes that "emotion has its place" but he wants "logic" too. And with a great show of logic he compares Cerf's attitude toward Pound with that of the Nazis toward Heine.

This is not logic but the perversion of logic. If we carry it through we shall cease to distinguish altogether between fascists and anti-fascists. This lands you right into the trap of the reactionary propagandists who shout "comunazi," obviously trying to confuse opposites.

To refuse to soil one's hands with Pound at this moment in history is not to suggest that the traitor may not at some time in the past have written some good poems, though even this can be exaggerated.

But you cannot today make a fetish of the distinction between "the poet" and "the man." They add up in real life to a fascist traitor named Ezra Pound. And naturally a self-respecting publisher will not touch him with a ten-foot pole.

Gannett feels he is asserting the "independence of poetry." But it is the "independence of poetry" from life, from the struggle against fascism which deals death to poetic as well as all other human values. In fighting Pound, we are fighting a man who has betrayed not only his country but poetry as well.

## U. S. BOOKS IN U.S.S.R.

MOSCOW.—Books by American authors are extremely popular in the Soviet Union. On the book-shelf of almost every family in the Soviet Union one is sure to come across some of Jack London's novels and a volume of two of Mark Twain's and O. Henry's stories. In recent years Theodore Dreiser, Hemingway and Steinbeck have come to claim a place of their own in the Soviet home.

Who is the Soviet reader's favorite American writer? — that question has been posed many a time. Here are some figures and facts from the All-Union Book Chamber in Moscow which may throw light on the matter.

According to the latest figures American authors in the Soviet Union have outstripped in popularity all other foreign writers, excepting only the French. Books by 196 American writers have come out in the Soviet Union and total 37 million copies. Apart from Russian, the works of American writers have been translated into 49 languages of the peoples inhabiting the Soviet Union.

Jack London, whose books have come out in more than ten million copies, tops the best-seller list of American writers in the Soviet Union. His novels and stories have had 567 printings. Particularly popular are his animal stories. In the course of the last two decades his "White Fang" has had several printings every year. To date the printings total 300,000 copies.

His "When God Laughs," "Son of the Sun" and "South Sea Tales" were printed in hundreds of thousands of copies in the Soviet Union.

Mark Twain has found an avid reading public in the Soviet Union. His works have been printed in 135 editions and run into three million copies. Some of Mark Twain's stories enjoy such wide popularity that many household sayings are derived from them. Soviet boys and girls get just as much thrill out of "Tom Sawyer" and "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" as American youngsters do.

### Meridel Le Sueur Book Selected

The March Selection of Book Find Club will be North Star Country, by Meridel Le Sueur, a book that sings of American people. North Star Country is the engrossing story of valiant men and women, little and important, who created a great civilization in the heart of the North American continent. Miss Le Sueur, herself a native of the "North Star" region, has authored many poems and short stories dealing with American folk-lore, and teaches in a labor school in Minneapolis.

### Heights Unity Club Presents New Film

A Party for the GM strikers will take place tonight (Saturday) at the headquarters of the CP Heights Unity Club, 493 W. 145 St. (near Amsterdam Ave.) As a special attraction the new War Dept. 3-reel film The Lincoln Penny will be shown.

### At Reo Theatre

The Soviet films Lonely White Sail and No Greater Love are now playing at the Reo Theatre, Stone and Pitkin Aves., Brooklyn.

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### Film Front

## Ben Davis Urges War Dept. To Release 'Teamwork' Film

by David Platt

COUNCILMAN BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., has written to the War Department urging the release of its new film Teamwork, sequel to The Negro Soldier in the very near future. "I strongly urge that this film be shown in all community theaters throughout the country so as to better acquaint the American people of the role the Negro troops played in the European theater of operations," Davis said in his letter to the Bureau of Public Relations, War Dept. He concluded with a request for a preview of the picture in Harlem at the earliest possible moment.

Carlton Moss, who wrote the film script, told the Daily Worker a few weeks ago that Teamwork can be a positive force in this period of racial tension. It portrays Negro and white unity against the divide and conquer propaganda of the fascists and should be publicized and shown in the theaters without delay, he said.

Councilman Davis' letter should encourage a flock of requests for action in this matter.

### TIME MARCHES ON

Will Hays, Feb. 1936: "I am opposed to using motion pictures for controversial politics." It was on this ground that Hays banned the anti-fascist movie It Can't Happen Here. It was propaganda for democracy. Good propaganda.

Eric Johnston, Jan. 1946: "I am opposed to the use of motion pictures for propaganda purposes, even when the propaganda might be termed as good." Johnston made those remarks at a press conference in Miami on Jan. 28. And to prove that he's not kidding, he recently ordered Hollywood to refrain from making any pictures ridiculing Japanese war lords as this might hamper "our" efforts to "spread democracy" among the Japanese people.

Time marches on! The Motion Picture Producers Association marches on too—but in the wrong direction.

Film students! Here's the February schedule of documentary film showings at the Museum of Modern Art:

#### Feb. 2-3—SOCIAL COMMENT: TRAVEL

Land Without Bread (Luis Bunuel) 1932; Easter Island (John Perne) 1934; Song of Ceylon (John Grierson) 1934-5.

#### Feb. 4-7—ENGLISH DOCUMENTARIES

Housing Problems 1935; Enough to Eat 1934; Line to Techiera Hut (Cavalcanti) 1937; Eastern Valley (Paul Rotha) 1937.

#### Feb. 8-10—TRAVEL AND ANTHROPOLOGY

The Wedding of Palo 1937 (Study of East Greenland Eskimos).

#### Feb. 11-14—AMERICAN DOCUMENTARIES

The Plow That Broke the Plains (Lorenz, Strand, Steiner, Hurwitz, Thomson) 1936; The River (Lorenz, Van Dyke, Woodard, Crosby) 1937.

#### Feb. 15-17—THE COMING OF WAR

Spanish A.B.C. (Ivor Montagu) 1938; Spanish Earth (Joris Ivens) 1937.

#### Feb. 18-21—THE COMING OF WAR

The Four Hundred Million (Ivens) 1939.

#### Feb. 22-24—SOCIAL COMMENT

The City (Ralph Steiner) 1939; The Londoners (1939).

#### Feb. 25-28—THE COMING OF WAR

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# Auto Firms Press Anti-Union Penalty

By GEORGE MORRIS

DETROIT, Feb. 1.—Major auto companies here, apparently spurred by a Canadian arbitrator's decision, are renewing pressure for union-busting "company security" clauses in contracts.

Immediately after Judge Ivan C. Rand made his ruling in the Ford of Canada case, awarding the company stiff penalty provisions, both General Motors and the Ford Motor Co. here again put forward demands along the same lines.

Judge Rand's award, winding up a 100-day strike at Windsor, gave the company all it asked and more. Here are its provisions:

1. All workers on the payroll must pay dues to the union through check off. But the workers need not belong to the union and they have no right to participate in union affairs unless they do. Non-

union workers are, however, given the right to vote in strike ballots.

Thus non-union, or even anti-union, people who are in no way responsible to the organization, are made eligible to influence union strike decisions.

2. If a strike, later found in violation of the contract, is authorized by the union's local or national leadership, the union will be penalized to the extent of losing from two months to six months of the total dues checked off. The penalty would also apply if a strike is called without "majority support."

3. If individuals on their own

responsibility participate in an unauthorized stoppage, they will be fined by the company \$3 for each day of idleness and lose seniority standing for six months to a year.

Thus, Ford in Canada won both its demand for a penalty against the union treasury and against individual workers. On the other hand, the closed shop security that workers have in U. S. Ford plants was not provided.

The Canadian award, binding upon the union, came just after the Chrysler Co. signed contract in which the so-called "security provision" was watered down to one sentence. This merely allows the company to discipline any one found guilty by the umpire of leading or inciting wildcat strikes. There is no provision to penalize partici-

pants.

Ford here seeks a penalty system levying \$3 and \$5 a day fines against the union for workers' unauthorized stoppages. But union action of the CIO United Auto Workers in the main River Rouge plant voted a demand that an earlier offer of "company security," made by union representatives, be withdrawn.

The general council of the Ford local and the Highland Park Ford local and the Highland Park Ford T. Leonard, union negotiator, at a Ford council meeting last Sunday, gave workers assurance that there are no "hooks" to the 18-cent an hour pay increase won from Ford. GM is now demanding "security," too, and elimination of maintenance of membership. Pressure for "company security" is a yardstick

of corporation arrogance. Employers seek a weapon to weaken unions for later attacks.

Despite the common belief that GM would be forced to capitulate after wage settlements were won at Chrysler and Ford, chief rivals, Charles E. Wilson, GM president, combined a demand for elimination of maintenance of membership and "company security" with flat refusal to increase his 13½ cent an hour pay raise offer.

GM apparently hopes that workers, now in the 11th week of strike, may be tired and ready for a "bargain." Picket line sentiment shows the contrary. Solidarity with striking steel workers, tying up the industry, strengthens confidence in victory.

## Navy Finally Shows Film, 'Negro Sailor'

The long-suppressed film, *The Negro Sailor*, after vigorous urgings by the *Daily Worker*, finally was beamed onto a screen for representatives of 25 organizations yesterday at the projection room of Navy headquarters, 90 Church St., Manhattan.

The 16mm movie had been pigeonholed in the Public Relations Bureau of the Navy Department. No film distributing agency has expressed any desire to buy it for public showing. Pressure from the *Daily Worker's* film department finally forced the Navy to provide a special showing of *The Negro Sailor*.

So much for the background. The film itself is a story of teamwork, of Bill Robinson, Negro linotype, and his induction, training, fighting, heroism in the U. S. Navy. The film makes it clear that Bill Robinson is on the greatest team in the world—the U. S. and her Allies against the fascist enemy.

There is no squeaky evasion about the unity and the need for unity in the Navy. The *Negro Sailor* says openly: Negroes and whites, Jews and Gentiles, Chinese and Puerto Ricans, the English and the Russians—unity is the key to victory. From beginning to end you thrill to that message—unity!

You learn that Dorie Miller, "distinguished sailor," hero of the Coral Sea battle and Navy Cross winner; that Elbert H. Oliver, holder of the Silver Star; that William Pickney, of the U. S. S. Enterprise and holder of the Navy Cross; that Leonard Roy Harmon after whom the U. S. S. Harmon was named—that they and Bill Robinson are symbols of 13 million Negro Americans, of the Negro soldiers, sailors and airmen who fought and died for freedom.

The film is a tribute to the Negro sailor. True. But you wonder why the Navy doesn't release it for nationwide public showing. You wonder why the Navy doesn't once and for all end its policy of giving Negroes the menial jobs and skirting its pledge to end Jimcrow in the ranks. You wonder why the Navy can't see it as the film shows it—that the Negro is as skillful, as courageous, as energetic and as patriotic as the white gunner, the white electrician, the white skipper.

Yes, *The Negro Sailor*, is a fine film. The Navy produced it. Why doesn't the Navy show it? Some pressure from the movie audiences to the Navy's Public Relations Bureau might do the trick.

### Sir Archibald Arrives in Java

BATAVIA, Feb. 1 (UP).—Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, special British envoy to Indonesia, where the people are fighting the return of Dutch colonial rule, and Lt. Gen. Sir Montagu G. N. Stopford, new Allied Supreme Commander in Indonesia, arrived today.

## GOP Bolsters Filibuster in Senate Finagling

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Reactionary Republicans today openly aided the Southern filibuster who are preventing the FEPC bill from coming to a vote.

With an anti-union employer, Sen. Albert Hawkes (R-NJ), making a full-dress speech in opposition to the bill, other Republicans took a more indirect approach. But instead of demanding a vote on the bill, they urged a vote on cloture.

The petition for cloture, setting off debate, which requires a two-thirds vote, probably will be introduced Monday by Sen. Dennis Chavez (D-NM). The petition has 44 signatures.

Meanwhile the restiveness of Republican supporters underlined the need for constituents to demand that their Senators not only vote for cloture, but if cloture fails of passing, to oppose any maneuvers to recommit or displace the bill, and to keep it on the floor.

### GOPERS FINAGLE

Sen. Kenneth Wherry, Republican whip, and Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper (R-Ia), both of whom signed the cloture petition, blamed Sen. Chavez for withholding it from the floor. Chavez retorted that anyone who was embarrassed by having signed the petition could withdraw his name.

Sen. Hawkes is the former president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. He is chairman of the board and former president of Condoleum Nairn, with plants in Kearney, New Jersey; Marcus Hook, Pa., and Cedarhurst, Md.

Earlier in the day, Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss) said he had checked a list of witnesses who favored the FEPC bill in hearings with the House Committee on Un-American Activities and found that "most of them were members of Communist-front organizations."

When Sen. Chavez began reading off one by one, the Catholic ministers, the Protestant leaders and others who had been witnesses, asking if each were a Communist, Sen. Eastland did not reply except to say that he would introduce his "un-American material" later.

### WEATHER

Partly Cloudy  
And  
Warmer

## GE Pulls the Pin But Explosion Backfires, the Lines Hold Fast

By BEN FIELD

Daily Worker Strike Correspondent  
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SCHENECTADY, Feb. 1.—A stockade of pickets massed at the main gate of the General Electric plant here at 6 this morning. A number of cars tried to get through but were shunted off without any difficulty. Unlike yesterday, no strike-breakers were foolhardy enough to attempt to wedge through on foot.

For more than three hours, men and women, arms linked, marched in a double line before the gate. Behind them stood



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the trolley which they use as a sort of roost and shelter. In front of them were police with drawn nightsticks who promised to protect life and property and at the same time advised scabs not to cross the picket line.

The picket lines were fed by a constant stream of reinforcements. Reserves rushed in from the American Locomotive Co., where there is a steel strike on, AFL workers, members of the CIO Transport Workers Union, and white collar people came up at double trot.

Sandy Archer, one of the GE strike leaders, shouted encouragement and advice to the pickets over a loudspeaker. Business agent Leo E. Jandreau led the line and kept his hawk eye sharp for every hostile move. One striker with a big union

button on his cap, like a miner's light, ran out of the kitchen with his coffee and crullers to support his buddies, and by nine o'clock it was clear that though GE had again pulled the pin the explosion had ripped back into its face.

The strikers are full of fight. Last night a caravan of cars with flares snaked through the town, urging the good people of Schenectady, their neighbors and friends, to come to a mass rally on Sunday in the State Armory. Zero Motel, Howard da Sylva and other radio and screen stars are coming from New York to entertain them. Some will appear on the picket line.

The strike is in its third week, taking every hairpin turn so far successfully, clanging full steam ahead.

## Poll Racket in Filibuster Land

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A clerk came quickly to the door and admitted six from the Negroes' line. Then the small crowd that had come up from the rear moved back again to await their turn.

About 15 percent of the qualified Negroes are being registered, as far as can be judged at this stage, and about 85 percent of those entitled to vote and asking to be registered are being fraudulently rejected. It is crookedness than stuffing ballot-boxes.

But most of those entitled to vote under the so-called law of the state are in practical fact not allowed even the right to ask to be registered. Men and women who work must first of all take a day off, which they can't afford. Then they must come to the courthouse and those who are not veterans must pay a poll tax of \$1.50 for one year or for each of several years that they haven't paid since their 21st birthday. Some would have to pay \$36 in accumulated poll tax due from the ages of 21 to 45.

Then they spend the day standing in line. Some sit on the cold stone floor. They don't know whether they will get in at all that day, or, if they get in, whether they will be registered. They have to do without eating, and wait, without knowing when or how it will end.

When they get inside, if they get in, a white official asks them to read a section of the Constitution. Then to explain it. Some are asked to "repeat" the constitution—which not one of the registrars could do. And "what kind of a government have we got?" Or "what kind of judges?" No matter what the answer is, it is called wrong, the Negro is ordered out. The few exceptions are "token" registrations to make the general disfranchisement more easily accomplished.

Out of 1,614,854 Alabama citizens 21 years or more of age, only 222,338 voted in the general election in 1944—which is 14 percent. There

are almost twice as many white people disfranchised as colored people. Of the nearly 1,400,000 Alabamians of voting age who didn't vote in 1944, about 900,000 are white and 500,000 colored.

Strangely enough, the smallness of the number of voters of the past may prove to be an Achilles heel for the gang that rules the state.

The number of young veterans returning to Alabama—and they are not required to pay the poll tax—is actually larger than the total number of persons who voted in the 1944 election. About a quarter of a million Alabama veterans are returning, and most of them have never voted before. Practically all of the Negro veterans have never voted—about 100,000 colored citizens of voting age, all able to read and write by U. S. Army standards, and free of the obligation to pay the polltax.

The monied interests—mainly the steel trust—are resorting to every

fraud and intimidation to prevent the enrolment of these thousands of young men as voters—even publishing open threats of murder of Negro veterans who attempt to register. And since they think it is easier to fight Negroes because of the heritage of slavery, the center of gravity in the fight is shifted heavily to the struggle against the registration of Negro veterans. A little show of solidarity of white veterans with the colored veterans would go a long way.

The time for the payment of the polltax expires today. Non-veterans who did not pay cannot vote unless the polltax law is overthrown by a fight before election day.

But this does not apply to the quarter of a million veterans. Their fight for the right to be registered is just reaching its height. Among them by far the most active are the colored veterans; and I have never seen a finer lot of young leaders than they are producing.

## 2 ILGW Boards Aid Strikers

Two joint boards of the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union this week took steps to help the striking auto, steel and other mass production workers.

The Cloakmakers' Joint Board at a meeting last Wednesday night of all shop chairmen voted to raise \$100,000 to distribute among all strikers. The shop chairmen, who met in the Hotel Diplomat, mapped a plan whereby the cloak workers

would each contribute two hours pay to the strike fund.

There are about 70,000 workers in the locals affiliated with the Cloakmakers' Joint Board.

At the same time, Julius Hochman, general manager of the New York Joint Dress Board of the ILGWU, appealed to the 85,000 dressmakers in the metropolitan area to support the strikes in mass production industries.

### Report Airliner Completely Wrecked

ELK MOUNTAIN, Wyo., Feb. 1 (UP).—A test pilot reported tonight that the United Air Lines mainliner which crashed into Elk Mountain yesterday with 21 persons aboard was "completely demolished" and that the first search party had reached the scene of the disaster.

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